

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following listing of all claims:

1. (*Cancelled*)

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2. (*Cancelled*)

3. (*Currently Amended*) The computer implemented method of claim 24, wherein the rating model defining is performed in accordance with a predefined document type definition.

4. (*Currently Amended*) The computer implemented method of claim 24, wherein the transforming to the executable representation includes compilation of the actuary-manipulable representation to a platform independent executable form.

5. (*Currently Amended*) The computer implemented method of claim 24, wherein the executable representation includes:

predefined input and output interfaces;

a runtime lookup facility for identification of runtime identifiers in the executable representation corresponding to ones of the variables; and

a calculate method of the compiled rating model executable to generate the quote based on inputs supplied via the input interface.

6. (*Currently Amended*) The computer implemented method of claim 5, further comprising:

employing the runtime lookup facility to identify particular runtime identifiers corresponding to particular variables;

setting values for the particular variables using the corresponding runtime identifiers and the predefined input interface; and

retrieving the quote via the predefined output interface.